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Amendments To The Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for displaying information on a television, comprising:

a circuit that receives wireless television communication signals, the wireless television communication signals including sensory data and ~~programming~~ programming data related to the sensory data and provides digital signals comprising at least one of the sensory data and the programming data;

a circuit that receives computer network communication signals;

a buffer logic circuit that receives the digital signals and facilitates communication is coupled with both the circuit that receives wireless television communication signals and the circuit that receives computer network communication signals, wherein the buffer logic circuit that facilitates communication ~~facilitates communication~~ between the circuit that receives wireless television communication signals and the circuit that receives computer network communication signals, including facilitating the transfer of commands and the digital signals between the circuit that receives wireless television communication signals and the circuit that receives computer network communication signals;

a circuit that displays the received wireless television communication signals and the received computer network communication signals on the television; and

a circuit that displays an option palette on the television, the option palette having a plurality of icons that facilitate a user's navigation through the received wireless television communication signals.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a circuit that displays a plurality of filtering options on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, each filtering option representing a way in which the programming data in the received wireless television communication signals is displayed on the television.

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Claim 3 (original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein a filtering option is filtering the programming data by a category associated with the programming data.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the category comprises at least one of movies, specials, attractions and education.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the category comprises at least one of sports and drama.

Claims 6-9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein a filtering option is filtering the programming data by a predetermined time period associated with the programming data.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the predetermined time period is an hour.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the predetermined time period is a day.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the predetermined time period is a month.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a circuit for displaying an on-screen keyboard on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, the on-screen keyboard having a plurality of keys;
a circuit for entering a search command in response to the user selecting the keys of the on-screen keyboard; and

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a circuit for searching the programming data in accordance with and in response to the entered search command.

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:
a remote controller for enabling a user to select the keys of the on-screen keyboard.

Claim 16 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a circuit for displaying an on-screen search window on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, the on-screen search window for displaying a search command entered by the user;

a remote keyboard in communication with the on-screen search window circuit such that the user can enter the search command in the on-screen search window via the remote keyboard;
and

a circuit for searching the programming data in accordance with and in response to the entered search command.

Claim 17 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the remote keyboard is a wired keyboard.

Claim 18 (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the remote keyboard is a wireless keyboard.

Claim 19 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a circuit that filters the programming data of the wireless television communication signals by channel;
a circuit that displays a plurality of channels of programming data on the television; and a circuit that permits the user to select a number of channels displayed on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette.

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Claim 20 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless television communication signals are received from a wireless communication channel that is communicatively connected to at least one satellite.

Claim 21 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the computer network communication signals are received from a computer network communication channel that is communicatively connected to the Internet.

Claim 22 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a remote controller for facilitating a user's selection of an icon.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A method for displaying information on a television, comprising the steps of:

receiving wireless television communication signals in a first circuit, the wireless television communication signals including sensory data and programming data related to the sensory data;

receiving computer network communication signals in a second circuit;

buffering and controlling the transfer of commands and at least portions of the sensory data and the programming data between the first and second circuits through a third circuit;

displaying the received wireless television communication signals and the received computer network communication signals on the television;

generating an option palette having a plurality of icons that facilitate a user's navigation through the received wireless television communication signals; and

displaying the option palette on the television.

Claim 24 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

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displaying a plurality of filtering options on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, each filtering option representing a way in which the programming data in the received wireless television communication signals is displayed on the television.

Claim 25 (original): The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of:
filtering the programming data by a category associated with the programming data in response to the user selecting a filtering option.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein the category comprises at least one of movies, specials, attractions and education.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein the category comprises at least one of sports and drama.

Claims 28-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (original): The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of filtering the programming data by a predetermined time period associated with the programming data in response to the user selecting a filtering option.

Claim 33 (original): The method of claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is an hour.

Claim 34 (original): The method of claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is a day.

Claim 35 (original): The method of claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is a month.

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Claim 36 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
displaying an on-screen keyboard on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, the on-screen keyboard having a plurality of keys;
entering a search command in response to the user selecting the keys of the on-screen keyboard; and
searching the programming data in accordance with and in response to the entered search command.

Claim 37 (original): The method of claim 36, further comprising the step of:
providing a remote controller for enabling a user to select the keys of the on-screen keyboard.

Claim 38 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
displaying an on-screen search window on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, the on-screen search window for displaying a search command entered by the user;
providing a remote keyboard in communication with the on-screen search window circuit such that the user can enter the search command in the on-screen search window via the remote keyboard; and
searching the programming data in accordance with and in response to the entered search command.

Claim 39 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the remote keyboard is a wired keyboard.

Claim 40 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the remote keyboard is a wireless keyboard.

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Claim 41 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:
filtering the programming data of the wireless television communication signals by
channel;
selecting a number of channels of programming data to be displayed on the television in
response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette; and
displaying the selected number of channels of programming data on the television.

Claim 42 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:
receiving the wireless television communication signals from a wireless communication
channel that is communicatively connected to at least one satellite.

Claim 43 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:
receiving the computer network communication signals from a computer network
communication channel that is communicatively connected to the Internet.

Claim 44 (original): The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:
providing a remote controller for facilitating a user's selection of an icon.

Claim 45 (currently amended): An apparatus for displaying information on a television,
comprising:

a digital satellite system (DSS) processing element communicatively connected to at least
one satellite communications channel for receiving digital communication signals, the received
digital communication signals including sensory data and programming data related to the
sensory data, the DSS processing element converting the received digital communication signals
into a form that can be displayed on the television, the DSS processing element generating an
option palette that can be displayed on the television, the option palette having a plurality of
icons that facilitate a user's navigation through the converted digital communication signals;

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an Internet processing element communicatively connected to the Internet for receiving computer network communication signals and converting the received computer network communication signals into a form that can be displayed on the television, the Internet processing element receiving the converted digital communication signals and the option palette from the DSS processing element and displaying the converted digital communication signals, the converted computer network communication signals, and the option palette on the television; and

buffer logic comprising at least one buffer, the buffer logic is coupled with the DSS processing element and the Internet processing element, wherein the buffer logic buffers and facilitates communication between the DSS processing element and the Internet processing element, including buffering and facilitating the transfer of commands and the digital signals between the DSS processing element and the Internet processing element.

Claim 46 (original): The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the DSS processing element generates a plurality of filtering options in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, each filtering option representing a way in which the programming data in the converted digital communication signals are displayed on the television, and the Internet processing element receives the plurality of generated filtering options from the DSS processing element and displays the plurality of generated filtering options on the television.

Claim 47 (original): The apparatus of claim 46, wherein a filtering option is filtering the programming data by a category associated with the programming data.

Claim 48 (original): The apparatus of claim 46, wherein a filtering option is filtering the programming data by a predetermined time period associated with the programming data.

Claim 49 (original): The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the DSS processing element generates, and the Internet processing element displays, an on-screen keyboard on the television in response to the user selecting an icon in the option palette, the on-screen keyboard having a

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plurality of keys for entering a search command, the DSS processing element searching the programming data in the converted digital communication signals for information associated with an entered search command.

Claim 50 (original): The apparatus of claim 45, further comprising:
a remote controller for enabling the user to select an icon from the plurality of icons of the option palette.

Claim 51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the buffer logic further receives broadcast data and forwards at least a portion of the broadcast data to the Internet processing element.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the buffer logic circuit that receives the digital signals and facilitates communication further receives broadcast data and forwards at least a portion of the broadcast data to the circuit that receives computer network communication signals.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 53, wherein the buffer logic circuit that receives the digital signals and facilitates communication further receives commands from a user and forwards the received commands to the circuit that receives computer network communication signals.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising:
receiving broadband communication signals through the third circuit;
forwarding at least a portion of the received broadband communication signals to the second circuit; and

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displaying the forwarded portion of the broadband communication signals and the received computer network communication signals on the television.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising:
decimating at least a portion of the programming data and blending the decimated portion of the programming data with the computer network communication signals.

Claim 57 (new): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein option palette comprises a planner screen that displays a calendar indicating programs that are selected.

Claim 58 (new): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the buffer logic circuit further comprises a multiplexer coupled with a plurality of buffers such that the multiplexer receives data including at least the programming data from the circuit that receives wireless television communication signals that is forwarded to the buffers.

Claim 59 (new): The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the buffer logic circuit further comprises address decoder coupled with the multiplexer to deliver an address dictating which of the plurality of buffers at least a portion of the data received from the circuit that receives wireless television communication signals is to be communicated.